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MAY CROP REPORT

U.S. HIGHLIGHTS

* **Winter wheat production** was forecast at 1.46 billion bushels, down 4 percent from 2009.

* **Winter wheat harvested for grain** was forecast at 31.8 million acres, down 8 percent from last year.

* **Winter wheat yield** was forecast at 45.9 bushels per acre, up 1.7 bushels from the previous year.

* **Kansas**, the number one winter wheat state, was expecting 344.4 million bushels, down 7 percent from 2009.

KENTUCKY

Farmers expect to produce 19.5 million bushels of **winter wheat**. The expected crop for 2010 would be down 12 percent from 2009. The smaller 2010 crop would be due

largely to fewer acres harvested as yields are expected to be good. Based on crop conditions as of May 1 and assuming a normal growing season, farmers expect a yield of 65 bushels per acre. If realized, this would be up 8 bushels from 2009. Farmers seeded 450,000 acres of wheat in the fall of 2009 and intend to harvest 300,000 acres for grain. Acres for other uses totaled 150,000 acres and will be used as cover crop for tobacco or cut as silage or hay. As of May 2, 22 percent of the wheat had headed, behind last year's 24 percent, and 13 percent behind the 35 percent average over the last 5 years. Last weeks rain caused some flooding, but the extent of the damage is yet to be determined. Warmer and drier conditions will be needed during May and June to produce the good quality and yield currently expected.

WINTER WHEAT, SELECTED STATES & U.S., MAY 1, 2010

STATE	AREA HARVESTED		YIELD		PRODUCTION		
	2009	Ind. 2010	2009	Ind. 2010	2008	2009	Ind. 2010
	(1,000 Acres)		(Bushels)		(1,000 Bushels)		
Colorado	2,450	2,300	40.0	38.0	57,000	98,000	87,400
Illinois	820	325	56.0	60.0	73,600	45,920	19,500
Indiana	450	280	67.0	68.0	38,640	30,150	19,040
Kansas	8,800	8,200	42.0	42.0	356,000	369,600	344,400
KENTUCKY	390	300	57.0	65.0	32,660	22,230	19,500
Missouri	730	310	47.0	46.0	55,680	34,310	14,260
Montana	2,420	1,900	37.0	40.0	94,380	89,540	76,000
Nebraska	1,600	1,500	48.0	46.0	73,480	76,800	69,000
Ohio	980	750	72.0	72.0	74,120	70,560	54,000
Oklahoma	3,500	3,900	22.0	33.0	166,500	77,000	128,700
Oregon	750	830	56.0	59.0	44,950	42,000	48,970
Tennessee	340	180	51.0	56.0	32,760	17,340	10,080
Texas	2,450	3,500	25.0	35.0	99,000	61,250	122,500
Washington	1,640	1,710	59.0	61.0	96,320	96,760	104,310
U.S.	34,485	31,786	44.2	45.9	1,867,333	1,522,718	1,458,350

FINAL 2009 TOBACCO

BURLEY: Final 2009 burley tobacco production by Kentucky farmers totaled 161.3 million pounds, up 10 percent from the 147.0 million pounds produced in 2008. Average yields were 2,150 pounds per acre, up 50 pounds from the 2008 crop. Acreage harvested increased 5,000 acres to 75,000 in 2009. Average price per pound was estimated at \$1.70 per pound, up 5 cents from the previous year.

Production for the burley producing States totaled 215 million pounds, 7 percent above 2008. Seven states make up the burley producing states. Kentucky, the leading producer of burley tobacco, produced 75 percent of all burley grown in the United States.

DARK TOBACCO: Dark fire-cured tobacco production totaled 31.9 million pounds, down 17 percent from the 2008 crop. The smaller crop resulted from a decrease in harvested acreage as yield remained unchanged. Harvested acreage totaled 9,100 acres, down 1,800 acres from 2008 and yield at 3,500 pounds per acre was unchanged. Price received by farmers was \$2.45 per pound, unchanged from the 2008 price. Dark air-cured tobacco production totaled 13.8 million pounds, down 33 percent from the 2008 production. Farmers harvested 4,600 acres of dark air tobacco with a yield of 3,000 pounds per acre. Harvested acreage was down 2,300 acres from 2008 and yield was unchanged. Price received per pound by farmers was \$2.25, unchanged from the previous year.

TOBACCO ACREAGE, YIELD, PRODUCTION & PRICE PER POUND, BY TYPE, STATE & U.S.

Type & State	Acreage Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Production		Market Yr. Avg. Price Per Lb.	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	Rec'd by Farmers	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	(Acres)		(Pounds)		(1,000 Pounds)		(Dollars)	
BURLEY, TYPE 31								
KENTUCKY	70,000	75,000	2,100	2,150	147,000	161,250	1.650	1.700
Missouri	1,500	NA	2,240	NA	3,360	NA	1.750	NA
N. Carolina	3,300	3,400	1,700	1,840	5,610	6,256	1.740	1.720
Ohio	3,400	3,400	2,050	2,000	6,970	6,800	1.630	1.650
Pennsylvania	4,300	4,100	2,300	2,300	9,890	9,430	1.750	1.700
Tennessee	13,000	14,000	1,900	1,920	24,700	26,880	1.730	1.770
Virginia	2,000	2,000	2,000	*2,140	4,000	*4,280	1.700	*1.770
U.S.	97,500	101,900	2,067	*2,109	201,530	*214,896	1.669	*1.709
DARK FIRE-CURED								
KENTUCKY	10,900	9,100	3,500	3,500	38,150	31,850	2.450	2.450
Tennessee	7,200	6,400	3,200	3,100	23,040	19,840	2.490	2.520
Virginia	500	650	2,000	*2,000	1,000	*1,300	2.160	*2.100
U.S.	18,600	16,150	3,344	*3,281	62,190	*52,990	2.460	*2.468
DARK AIR-CURED								
KENTUCKY	6,900	4,600	3,000	3,000	20,700	13,800	2.250	2.250
Tennessee	1,600	1,200	2,900	2,700	4,640	3,240	2.230	2.210
U.S.	8,500	5,800	2,981	2,938	25,340	17,040	2.246	2.242
ALL TOBACCO								
KENTUCKY	87,800	88,700	2,345	2,333	205,850	206,900	1.859	1.852
U.S.	354,490	*354,240	2,258	*2,322	800,504	*822,567	1.859	*1.842

*Revised. NA- Not Available.

COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION 1/

Type	Mar 2009	Feb 2010	Mar 2010	Mar 10 % of	
				Mar 09	Feb 10
	Million Pounds		Percent		
Beef	2,144.0	1,955.7	2,212.1	103	113
Veal	12.2	10.7	12.2	100	113
Pork	1,969.7	1,757.4	2,039.9	104	116
Lamb & Mutton	15.9	12.3	17.6	111	143
Total U.S.	4,141.9	*3,736.2	4,281.7	103	115
Total Kentucky	48.5	43.3	50.4	104	116

1/ Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter. *Revised.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, MARCH 2009 & 2010 1/

Type	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	1,000 head		1,000 lbs.		Pounds	
Kentucky						
Cattle	2.2	1.9	2,026	1,886	931	974
Hogs	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>
Sheep & Lambs	0.9	1.0	115	118	125	123
United States						
Cattle	2,729.5	2,912.7	3,548,711	3,693,228	1,305	1,273
Hogs	9,656.9	10,030.5	2,623,944	2,723,773	272	272
Sheep & Lambs	221.4	262.3	31,734	35,254	143	135

1/ Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other Commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.

2/ Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

COLD STORAGE HIGHLIGHTS

ALL U.S. WAREHOUSE STOCKS				Mar 10 as % of	
Commodity	Mar 31, 2009	Feb 28, 2010	Mar 31, 2010	Mar 09	Feb 10
Frozen Poultry		1,000 lbs		Percent	
Chicken	635,475	627,816	619,850	98	99
Turkey	513,384	342,418	379,135	74	111
Ducks	4,299	3,950	3,672	85	93
Total Frozen Poultry	1,153,158	974,184	1,002,657	87	103
Meat					
Total Frozen Beef	425,878	404,505	390,524	92	97
Frozen Pork					
Bellies	72,940	55,552	58,855	81	106
Total Frozen Pork <u>1/</u>	594,127	515,911	510,482	86	99
Total Meat <u>2/</u>	1,045,263	941,914	925,111	89	98

1/ Includes picnics, hams, bellies, loins, ribs, trimmings, and other frozen pork. 2/ Includes frozen beef, pork, veal, lamb and mutton, other frozen meat, canned hams, and other canned meat.

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS - (Dollars)

COMMODITY	UNIT	KENTUCKY			US
		APRIL 2009	MARCH 2010	APRIL 2010	APRIL 2010
		Entire Month		Mid-Month <u>a/</u>	
All Corn <u>b/</u> <u>c/</u>	Bu.	4.09	3.87	3.70	3.51
Soybeans <u>b/</u>	Bu.	10.10	9.66	9.70	9.48
Winter Wheat <u>b/</u>	Bu.	5.06	NA	NA	4.33
Alfalfa Hay, baled	Ton	160.00	140.00	145.00	113.00
All Other Hay, baled	Ton	90.00	80.00	80.00	99.30
All Hogs	Cwt.	42.20	NA	NA	53.60
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	42.00	NA	NA	53.70
Sows	Cwt.	47.00	NA	NA	50.10
All Beef Cattle <u>d/</u>	Cwt.	78.90	84.40	92.20	95.40
Steers & Heifers <u>e/</u>	Cwt.	89.00	95.00	104.00	101.00
Cows	Cwt.	47.00	51.00	55.00	56.90
Calves <u>f/</u>	Cwt.	100.00	108.00	118.00	121.00
Sheep	Cwt.	38.00	NA	--	--
Lambs	Cwt.	123.00	NA	--	--
Hog-Corn Ratios <u>g/</u>	Bu.	10.3	NA	NA	15.3

a/ Preliminary. b/ Includes contract sales paid during month. c/ Includes yellow and white corn. d/ "Steers and heifers" and "cows" combined. e/ 500 lbs. and over. f/ Under 500 lbs. g/ Number of bushels of corn equal in value to 100 lbs. of hog live weight. NA-Not Available.

UNITED STATES EGG PRODUCTION & HATCH

Type	Mar 2009	Mar 2010	10 % of 09
Egg Production			
Eggs Produced (Million)	7,737	7,814	101
Average Layers (000)	340,914	340,919	100
Eggs Per 100 Layers	2,269	2,292	101
Egg Type Hatchery			
Eggs Set Apr 1 (000)	37,735	42,941	114
Chicks Hatched (000)	41,737	45,151	108
Broiler Type Hatchery			
Eggs Set Apr 1 (000)	627,232	640,266	102
Chicks Hatched (000)	785,851	786,954	100

MILK COWS & MILK PRODUCTION: SELECTED STATES
PRELIMINARY JANUARY-MARCH, 2009-2010

STATE	January - March Milk Cows <u>1/</u>		January - March Milk Production <u>2/</u>		
	2009	2010	2009	2010	10 % 09
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Percent
CA	1,826	1,759	10,097	9,940	98
IL	102	101	489	491	100
IN	167	169	836	846	101
KY	86	79	313	296	95
MN	468	470	2,216	2,280	103
MO	108	101	403	366	91
OH	277	270	1,271	1,287	101
TX	430	410	2,271	2,187	96
VA	97	95	443	427	96
WI	1,255	1,260	6,057	6,401	106
US	9,295	9,089	47,374	47,331	100

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

U.S. DAIRY PRODUCTS, MARCH 2010

PRODUCT	March 2009	Feb. 2010 <u>1/</u>	March 2010	Percent of Mar. 09 Feb. 10	
		(000) Pounds		Percent	
BUTTER	147,341	141,052	141,073	96	100
CHEESE					
American Types <u>2/</u>	364,359	320,426	362,295	99	113
Mozzarella	280,012	259,090	300,446	107	116
All Other Types <u>3/</u>	226,146	195,757	227,403	101	116
Total	870,517	775,273	890,144	102	115
		(000) Gallons		Percent	
FROZEN PRODUCTS					
Ice Cream (Hard)	75,674	63,171	79,825	105	126
Frozen Yogurt (Total)	6,492	4,458	6,542	101	147
MIX FOR FROZEN PRODUCTS					
Ice Cream Mix	41,804	36,921	45,439	109	123
Yogurt Mix	3,476	2,702	3,965	114	147

1/ Revised. 2/ Includes Cheddar, Colby, Monterey, and Jack. 3/ Includes Swiss, Cream and all other types. Excludes cottage cheese.

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